

Archery in the Schools Newsletter

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Coordinator's Corner

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Nationwide, a total 43 states have implemented the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). More impressively, it is estimated that over 1.4 million students in grades 4 to 12 have safely participated in the program. Michigan is a proud contributor to the program's success! Currently, more than 160 schools representing 50 counties statewide are now actively teaching target archery during P.E. class. In addition, over 200 Basic Archery Instructors have been certified. This school year was filled with many program improvements, including, most notably, the development of the archery equipment grant program, the DNR NASP Web site and the 1st NASP State Virtual Tournament. As the program continues to expand, it is important that students who have

expressed a sincere interest in archery are provided opportunities to continue participation in the sport outside of the school setting. A variety of archery programs, including leagues and classes, are available to both individuals and families through organizations such as 4-H, YMCA and Scouts, which typically offer programming year-round. In addition, your local parks and recreation agency is a great place to inquire about implementing a community archery program of your own! Remember, program success does not lie solely within the boundaries of a P.E. class, but within the enthusiasm of the kids whose lives are positively changed as a result of their experiences in archery. Have a great summer!

2007 State Tournament Results

The results of the 1st NASP State Virtual Tournament are in! This spring, over 125 archers competed for the honor of representing Michigan at the NASP National Tournament in Louisville, Ky., June 9. A complete list of schools, teams and participant rankings, awards, as well as national tournament information is now available on the DNR Web site. The DNR would like to congratulate the following first-place tournament winners!

1st Place Female Archer-Overall
Mariah Kestilla- 7th Grade
Escanaba Middle School

1st Place Male Archer-Overall
Derek Wurst- 7th Grade
Laker Junior High School

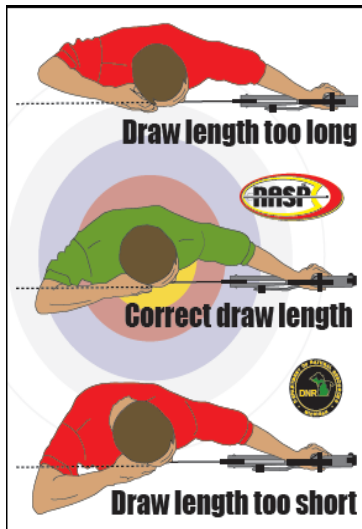
1st Place Elementary Team
Coloma Elementary School

1st Place Middle School Team
Laker Junior High School

1st Place High School Team
Bark River Harris High School

Upcoming Events

**NASP National
Tournament
June 9, 2007
Louisville, Ky.**



**Correct Draw Length
Training Aid**

*"Fifty schools have
been adopted
through the Adopt-
A-School program"*



**11 Steps to Archery
Success Training Aid**

What's New?

NASP training aids are now available for purchase! To view the training aids, please visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery and click "Get the Curriculum." You may choose from:

→ 11 Steps to Archery Success

→ Correct Draw Length

If you would like to purchase training aids for your school, you may place an order by calling Mr. Nick Roden at Easy-Eye Archery Products at 888-908-7446 or by e-mail at nick@eze-eye.com. These poster-size training aids designed to hang from your safety net may be purchased for \$50 per set. Ten percent of all sales will be returned to the MI NASP!

Archery Equipment Grants

The DNR continues to offer archery equipment grants to schools statewide, both public and private, that enroll or are enrolled in the archery in the schools program. Schools interested in receiving grant funding must maintain on staff a BAI-certified physical education instructor. All grants require matching

funds of 50 percent or \$1,300, and an equipment agreement is required. Eligible schools must commit to implementing the archery in the schools program for a minimum of five years. School districts that already possess an archery equipment kit will not be considered twice for the grant program.

Adopt-A-School Program

The Adopt-A-School program assists schools to acquire sponsorship for their school archery program. Schools who need assistance raising match dollars for the equipment grant may request to be placed in the Adopt-A-School program. Schools in the program will be listed by county on the DNR Web site located at: www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery.

Over fifty schools have been adopted through the Adopt-A-School program since the program's inception! As always, please remember to thank your sponsors for their generous donation to your school archery program. Placing your sponsor's logo on your school's bow box is an excellent form of long-term recognition.

Fundraising Ideas

Please keep your school archery program in mind when creating fundraising programs for your school. Extra dollars can be used to purchase additional archery equipment, assist in the development of after school clubs, as well as pay for tournament travel costs.

Creative Ideas

- Outdoor Adventure Raffles
- Wild Game Cook-Off
- Contact local conservation organizations and sporting goods stores

After-School Archery Programs

For many students, target archery will be the first athletic endeavor they have been successful in. Developing an after-school archery program is an excellent way to provide a structured practice environment for students who wish to further develop their target archery skills. After-school programs also can aid in preparing individuals or teams for competitions.

Schools are encouraged to partner with local conservation organizations and/or 4-H clubs when creating after-school archery programs. These organizations often offer similar programs, possess additional equipment and are a good source for finding qualified volunteers who may be able to assist with the program.



Equipment Storage Box

Community Archery Programs

The DNR is actively encouraging local parks and recreation agencies to incorporate target archery into their recreational offerings in an effort to support the growing interests of children and families who wish to participate in target archery as a result of the success of the NASP. Certified archery instructors are encouraged to contact their local

parks and recreation agency for potential summer employment opportunities teaching target archery classes, organizing archery leagues, or assisting with summer camp archery programs. The DNR encourages schools who received archery equipment grants to loan their equipment to local parks and recreation agencies for this purpose.



**Gaylord Middle School
P.E. Class**

Archery Safety Tips

Archery ranks as one of the safest activities offered in any organized group setting! However, vigilant school districts always are concerned about liability issues, especially with sports and recreational activities. The good news is archery consistently proves itself one of the safest sports taught in our public schools' physical education programs. As you continue to implement archery in your schools

please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- **Remember to inspect your archery equipment prior to each class.**
- **Place targets directly on the gym floor. Never leave target transport carts down range.**
- **Never permit students to bring archery equipment to school.**



Arrow Retrieval

Curriculum Update

The MI Department of Education approved the revisions to the P.E. standards and benchmarks in February. It is anticipated that revisions to the P.E. grade level content expectations should be finalized this summer. As a result, the archery in the schools program

curriculum also will be revised to adhere to the new requirements. Please visit our Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery for curriculum updates prior to teaching the archery unit in the fall. Curriculum updates will be located under "Get the Curriculum."



String Bow Practice

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Instructor Surveys

Each instructor has been issued an archery in the schools program instructor survey. Data collected from this survey will provide the DNR with a perspective on the number of children the program has reached statewide and, more importantly, will serve as a means to determine how to improve the program! **Schools who have received a DNR equipment grant are required to**

complete the survey; however, all instructors are encouraged to participate in the program evaluation. Your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated. **Please return the completed survey to the DNR by June 15, 2007 to:** Mary Emmons, NASP Coordinator
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